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COLLEGE GETS ABOUT \$25,000

Endowment Campaign in Alma Last Week Gave Start to Committee.

WORK WILL BE CONTINUED

A Number Here Who Did Not Aid Will Be Interviewed and Asked to Give Help.

The Alma college campaign in the city of Alma last week to start the \$600,000 dollar endowment campaign, was highly successful, if one is to judge success on the matter of past performances of those seeking to raise money in Alma. Approximately \$25,000.00 was raised here during the week.

Just how successful the campaign was, cannot be told without going back a couple of years, to the days when the board of trade was seeking to raise \$12,000.00 for the Republic Motor Truck company. At that time it was with difficulty that this sum was raised, and when the Alma college campaign was inaugurated with the intention of securing \$50,000.00 in Alma, people were amazed that it should be thought possible to raise even one-fourth of that sum in less than a week's time.

Less than a week, however, saw President Harry Means Crooks and his small army of tireless workers, bringing in subscriptions which indicate that Alma people were very much alive to the needs of the rapidly growing Presbyterian college here. Not only that but it shows conclusively that Alma people are intensely alive to the benefits that are to be derived from such an institution as Alma college, and to the larger and fuller measure of benefits which are to come from a bigger and more influential Alma college.

The number of people that aided in the campaign, in the working and in the giving, is surprising. Everyone seemed to be working for Alma college last week, an indication of a community spirit, that cannot be beaten anywhere in the state.

It is expected that a number here, who have not contributed, will yet add their part to the large sum which has already been raised and it would not be at all surprising if another \$10,000.00 was raised in Alma before commencement day.

Following is the list of people who contributed to the endowment fund during the campaign last week in Alma:

Karl R. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jotham Allen, Mary C. Bahke, C. F. Brown, Geo. A. Brown, R. H. Brown, Bert Eckert, J. W. Glass, W. G. Griffin, F. W. Hooper, D. L. Johnson, M. McIntosh, W. W. Medler, W. H. Miner, Rev. Joseph W. Priest, Chas. G. Rhodes, Otto Sanderhoff, Fred Slater, J. R. Watkins, Clarence Wheeler, L. N. Baker, W. E. Baker, I. N. Brainerd, C. R. Brewer, Earl Clapp, J. E. Converse, Helen Cook, Homer Dunham, Nick Frantoso, J. E. Fuller, Cyrus B. Gardner, H. M. Landis, J. P. Losey, H. A. McLaren, G. J. Maier, George W. Moore, H. C. Moore, Charles R. Murphy, M. L. Perigo, W. S. Proud, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Puffrey, Mrs. Quick, James Redman, D. W. Robinson, John D. Spiney, Frances M. Stitt, Mrs. D. Struble, Edna Swigart, C. O. Ward, Carl Washburn, R. H. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Wright, Alma City Laundry, Geo. M. Biddison, J. A. Bittner, J. W. Blakely, Mrs. Mary Blanchard, H. Lohrath Boker, Mrs. Mary Brearley, A. A. & J. C. Chick, E. C. Crandell, P. W. Cramer, R. V. Crisp and wife, Carl E. Gallagher, Charles H. Gargan, Daniel Goggin, Gray & Gray, Bertha Huxford, Floyd Luchini, Giuseppe Luchini, C. W. Parsons, F. T. Rapson, C. W. Reemtsma, V. H. Shepard, E. L. Smith, Jennie E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Smith, H. H. Soule, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stuckey, L. M. Sweet, V. L. Van Duzen, Chas. G. Vine, D. W. Adams, H. N. Allen and wife, J. J. and E. A. Barton, H. R. Belbeck, L. L. Bennett, R. V. Beshgetoor, B. W. Biddison, Eleanor Bittner, Mrs. J. F. Born, W. A. Brunner, A. L. Holliday, Chas. M. Chisholm, Edward H. and Janet R. Collins, Elliott Crooks, Blanche L. Dickinson, E. H. Duane, M. J. Gray, James Greene, Home Lumber and Fuel Company, Ed. Hooper, Laura Hays, Chas. Kennedy, W. H. Lawrence, Little Rock Coal Company, Lucius L. Radick, C. A. Miller, Roy H. Miller, John Mitchell, Ross Mitchell, Frank Moore, A. H. Olmstead, Frank O. Parker, William Robert and Margaret Randels, J. F. Sartor, Jr., A. B. Scattergood, J. F. Smith, Laura B. Soule, Mrs. H. O. Taube, Mrs. M. J. Tapp, E. J. Wagner, Mrs. M. White, Thomas W. White, Margaret H. Winn, Alpha Theta Literary Society, Fortino Brothers, Earl Morris, John S. Knoetzer, Mable Cheesman, George Soper, Foster Fraker, Will Ewing, Look-Peterson Drug Company, Morris Messinger, Dr. E. T. Lamb, L. A. Sharp, Rev. W. H. Mason, Francis King, Froebel Society, Dr. J. T. Carney.

Very soon the campaign will broaden out into a county-wide campaign and following this will be extended so as to include the entire Saginaw valley. Sooner or later, the campaign will become a state-wide affair. Rev. Barkley, chairman of the board of trustees of the college, is at the present time preaching around the state in the interest of the college, telling of the needs of the Presbyterian institution as well as its aspirations for the future.

MARY ANTIN

Noted Russian Lecturer at the Opera House February 23.



MARY ANTIN, FAMOUS LECTURER, HERE FRIDAY

Lyceum Course Attraction is One of the Best Numbers of the Entire Year.

Mary Antin, Russian immigrant, author, lecturer and social worker, is today one of the most conspicuous persons in public life.

The tens of thousands who have read her famous book, "The Promised Land," need no introduction to Mary Antin.

To those not thus favored it may be said, that coming to this country from Russia with her parents twenty years ago, a child of thirteen, with no word of English and no experience of life outside the Jewish Pale, within sixteen years she produced one of the two great books of the time.

"The Promised Land" is a human document of extraordinary vividness and power. It appeared serially in a leading magazine and in book form attained an enormous circulation. It describes the life of the Antin family in Russia, their immigration to this country and the impressions made by this land of the free on the author while they were struggling with adverse circumstances in Boston.

Another work lately issued and attracting wide attention is entitled, "They Who Knock at Our Gates." This deals with immigration from the standpoint of one who knows.

Mary Antin, who in private life is Mrs. Amadeus W. Grabau, wife of a Columbia University professor, was fortunate in having her ability early recognized by her family who made every sacrifice to keep her in school, and by her teachers who gave her all possible encouragement and help. Dr. Edward Everett Hale also became much interested in her development and Josephine Lazarus inspired her with her ideals.

With characteristic racial persistency in the face of adversity and often among the most discouraging surroundings, she pursued her studies, graduating from the Girls' Latin School of Boston and entering Barnard college in New York.

Mary Antin, the star attraction on the Alma Lyceum course this year, will appear at Wright Opera House Friday evening, February 23rd. Everyone should hear the message that this remarkable woman carries. The lecture will start at 8:30 p. m. and will give everyone time to take in the Kalamazoo-Alma college basketball game, which will start at 7:00 p. m.

"Patina"—Idlehour March 8th.

CONSCIENCE STRICKEN

Former College Student Returns \$10 Borrowed Twelve Years Ago.

Letters or properly speaking, duns, sent to a college student of twelve years ago, asking for certain money that was owing the college, for years brought no reply, until just lately, when a letter was received enclosing \$10.00 to apply on account.

The writer, who had been dunned for years, informed Secretary Cook that he was heartily ashamed of himself, for having delayed so long, before making a payment on his debt. It seems that twelve years ago the party, whose name was not learned, was forced to borrow about \$60.00 from the college loan fund with which to finish his education. For twelve years the college authorities have thought that this man was not appreciative of the kindness of the college in loaning him the money which he needed. Now, it turns out that he did appreciate it, and is ashamed that he made the college wait so long for his money.

Douglas Fairbanks—Idlehour Saturday.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Gratiot County Republicans Held Their Convention in Ithaca Friday.

T. E. JOHNSON WAS ENDORSED

Resolutions Calling for Americanism Passed and Fourteen Delegates Chosen.

The republican county convention met at Ithaca last Friday as per call, on account of the conditions of the weather not a large but a very enthusiastic crowd was present. Owing to the sickness of the county chairman, C. J. Chambers, the county secretary, Gaylord Nelson, called the convention to order and after reading the call the committee called J. Lee Potts to the chair, as temporary chairman. Judge Potts made a few well chosen remarks after which Gaylord Nelson was made temporary secretary.

On motion the chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on permanent organization and order of business—C. E. Brown, R. H. Wilcox and Otto May. Committee on credentials—Charles Watson, E. W. Mulholland and C. E. Revore.

Committee on resolutions—James A. Greene, James Mitchell and O. L. Smith.

At this time the convention adjourned for the several committees to report. When the convention was again called to order, the temporary organization was made permanent and the delegates present were seated. The following delegates were chosen to the state convention:

1. James Mitchell, chairman, Alma.
2. W. O. Watson, Breckenridge.
3. Otto May, St. Louis.
4. J. Lee Potts, Ithaca.
5. Will Davis, Emerson.
6. John Chick, Alma.
7. Alfred Willett, Emerson.
8. James A. Greene, Alma.
9. Ancey Douglas, Newark.
10. Archie Walters, Emerson.
11. Jotham Allen, Alma.
12. Alfred E. Crawford, Breckenridge.
13. John Koetzer, Alma.
14. A. P. Lane, Ithaca.

Following is the report of the committee on resolutions:

Be It Resolved, by the republican electors of the county of Gratiot in convention assembled that we express our unqualified faith and confidence in the principles and policies of the republican party and of its standard bearers in both national and state affairs, and that in this expressing such faith and confidence, and in keeping with the spirit of patriotism which has ever been predominant in our ranks, we are ever mindful of the grave crisis which we are as a nation facing at the present moment in our diplomatic relations with foreign nations, and while we may not at all times agree with the policies of government advocated and promulgated by the party in power in our nation at the present time, yet as true patriotic citizens we hereby express our desire and determination to dedicate ourselves and our services unqualifiedly to the cause of Americanism. While we indulge our fondest hopes that the carnage and ravages of war may be wisely averted we hereby lend our efforts, our influence and our energies to those whose lot it has fallen to guide the ship of state on the rough seas of national strife.

Be It Further Resolved, That we do express our deepest confidence in the governor of our great commonwealth, the Honorable Albert E. Sleeper, trusting full well in his business-like and statesman-like ability to shape our civic affairs toward the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people throughout the several avenues of industry in our state.

Be It Further Resolved, That we express our confidence for wise and progressive legislation by the two branches of our state legislature now in session and express our confidence that they will work harmoniously with the chief executive of this commonwealth to the end that wise, progressive and substantial legislation will result.

Be It Further Resolved, That the services of our county officers during the past two years have merited the confidence expressed by the electorate of this county at the last general election and we do hereby express our confidence that the affairs of our county will be conducted during the ensuing two year in a manner that will reflect credit upon the present incumbents.

Be It Further Resolved, That we endorse the candidacy of Superintendent T. E. Johnson of Coldwater for membership on the state board of education and instruct the delegates elected to use all honorable means to secure his nomination at the state convention to be held in Detroit February 20th.

Be It Finally Resolved, That we hereby express our confidence that the republicans of the state of Michigan in convention assembled at the city of Detroit on the 20th day of February,

1917, will place nomination for the various offices wise, capable and prudent men, who will severally and collectively, merit the esteem, confidence and support of the electorate of the peninsular commonwealth.

JAMES A. GREENE, Chairman.
JAMES MITCHELL,
O. L. SMITH.

After several interesting talks, the convention adjourned.

ALMA WON AND LOST ON WEEK-END TRIP

Hillsdale Defeated Alma by One Point, While Locals Found Adrian Easy.

The two days' trip of the Alma college basketball team resulted in an even split in two Michigan intercollegiate games, Alma losing the first game to Hillsdale by one point, the score being 26 to 25, and winning from Adrian by a score of 36 to 27. The defeat at Hillsdale almost makes a Michigan intercollegiate championship an impossibility, as the chances of Alma defeating Kalamazoo twice are exceedingly slim.

One of the biggest factors in the defeat at Hillsdale was the way the Hillsdale guards played for Smith. They kept the Alma Midget covered at every stage of the game and he failed to secure a field basket against the Blue and White. Adrian played for him almost as effectively the following night, and he secured only one field basket. Both games were exceedingly hard fought and were marked by great offensive work by both Gallagher and E. Foote.

Hillsdale vs. Alma.

Hillsdale Friday night, took a lead over Alma college right at the start, the small floor and no out of bounds bothering Alma greatly at first. When the first half ended, the Blue and White led Alma by a score of 12 to 6.

At the start of the second half, Hillsdale secured three field baskets and got a twelve-point margin on Alma. Helmer then made a shift in the Alma lineup and the Maroon and Cream broke loose and started on a scoring tour, which did not end until just before the final whistle. Within a minute and a half to play Hillsdale led by one point and then added a field basket on a sensational shot by Pullen and took a three-point lead. Gallagher came back with a shot equally as sensational and put Alma one point to the rear again. A foul called just as time was up gave Alma a chance to tie the score, but it was missed.

Lineup and summary:

Alma, 25. Pos. Hillsdale, 26.
Smith, E. Foote, L. F. Pullen, Gallagher, R. F. Covert, F. Foote, C. C. Buchert, Richards (Capt.), L. G. Courtwright, French, A. Foote, R. G. Sherman.
Field baskets—Gallagher, 5; E. Foote, 4; Johnston, 10. Pullen, 4; Serman, 4; Covert, 2-10.
Fouls—Smith, 2 out of 3; Gallagher, 3 out of 5; Pullen, 6 out of 7.
Referee—Hayes, Battle Creek.

Adrian-Alma.

The Adrian game on Saturday was the second victory of the season over the Downstaters, and came by a nice margin, the score being 36 to 27. Great offensive work on the part of Gallagher and E. Foote marked this victory, these two men scoring seven field baskets each, for a total of 28 points.

During the first half Alma gained a fine lead, but in the second half Teachout broke loose and scored time and again for the Adrian quintet and put them within scoring distance of Alma several times during the second half. Alma led at the end of the first half 17 to 8, and the work of Teachout allowed the Adrianists to score point for point with Alma during the second half.

Lineup and summary:

Alma, 36. Pos. Hillsdale, 26.
Teachout, L. F. Smith, Beck, C. C. Buchert, Gallagher, Grimm, C. C. E. Foote, Hood, L. G. Richards, Legle, R. G. Sherman.
Field baskets—Gallagher, 7; French, 4; Richards, Smith, 10. Teachout, 10; Grimm, 2; Beck, 15.
Fouls—Smith, 1 out of 3; Gallagher, 3 out of 6; Teachout, 1 out of 1.
Referee—Fox, Toledo.

Notes of the Games.

One would not suppose that Malcolm Smith could go two full games and only score one field basket, but it happened. One field basket by Smith at Hillsdale would have won the game, but Hillsdale kept Smith from getting it.

We hardly expected it, so Hillsdale did not surprise us greatly by winning from us.

French played a great game at gonard at Hillsdale, until injured in the second half. "Hawk" we want some of it Friday night against Katoos.

Suppose Alma trips Kalamazoo Friday night—where will those state title claims go?

Why not trim the champs even if Alma cannot have the championship? Let's do it.

ROMEO AND JULIET

A wonderful production of Romeo and Juliet will be screened at the Genesta on Monday afternoon, and evening. See the ad in this issue. Matinee, 10 cents; evening, 20 cents. One of the best movie attractions that will be seen here this year.

GLEANERS WILL MEET IN ALMA

District Convention of Order will be Held in Wright Opera House.

GATHER HERE FEBRUARY 28

A Big Program Has Been Arranged for the Session to be Held Here.

Preliminary preparations have been made for the largest gathering of farmers ever held in this part of Michigan, when the Gleaners of the Alma district hold their federation rally in the City Opera House, Alma, on Wednesday, February 28th. There will be three sessions—a federation session in the forenoon, to which all Gleaners are invited to attend; a public session in the afternoon, and a closed session in the evening.

Besides an address by Grant Slocum, supreme secretary and founder of the order, and recitals by Miss Lucia Bellamy of Ionia, there will be vocal and musical selections and recitations by local talent, military and fancy drills, exemplification of the ritualistic work, feasting, and other features that will help make the occasion a pleasant affair.

Besides an interesting literary program and special recitals, Bannister Arbor will put on the "Opening, Introduction, Obligation and Closing" ceremony. Middleton and Harmony Arbers will confer the dramatic degree, Safe Arbor will confer the Ruth degree, the ladies of Middleton Arbor will have a fancy drill, the ladies of Harmony Arbor will have a flag drill, the girls of Merrill Arbor will have a fancy ping dress drill, Hope Arbor will have a character and comic drill, and Safe Arbor will put on a men's military drill. Other teams will be on the floor in drill work. There will be a forenoon session and a basket picnic dinner at noon, a public session in the afternoon and a closed session at night.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Wilson of Grand Lodge, have completed a series of special meetings in the Alma district, lining up for campaign work many arbers, which have started a local contest to promote the lecture service and secure new members, the arbor securing the largest number of new members will be awarded a grand prize by the supreme federation department. Following is a list of the arbers and captains chosen up to the present time, the Hitties being on one side and the Gingers on the other:

Bannister—James Cartwright, Jennie L. Gander.
Hope—Henry English, Mrs. Mary English.
Middleton—Ison Wood, Irma Knight.
Fulton—C. K. Tuttle, Carrie Harlow.
Sehton—Leota Wilds, Merle Heister.
Newark—R. J. Knowlton, Ida N. Fell.
Safe—Mrs. Will Brown, A. R. Russell.
Eugene—H. Statlberger, Mrs. W. Houser.
Best—H. B. Clark, R. K. Hainline.
Harmony—Geo. Bauer, Harry Meachem.
Boover Creek—S. A. Gould, Florence Parkins.
Elm Hall—Martha Sabin, Susan Holland.
Sumner—Bessie Leonard, Jessie Tomlin.
Forest Hill—James O'Bryant, Mrs. Jessie Kent.
Fox Grove—Frank Kahl, Laura Peach.
Rising Star—Maud David, Cassius DeValley.
S. E. Wheeler—Mrs. Sarah Lauer, Mrs. Viola Eastman.
Lakefield—A. G. Mayer, Bessie Clark.
Merrill—Charles E. Conklin, Hattie Rigg.

PROGRAM

10:00 A. M.—Federation session—open to all Gleaners. (Conducted by Supervisor Fred Marvin.)

11:30 Noon—Basket picnic dinner. Bring a basket.

Afternoon Public Session

Music—Orchestra.

Address of Welcome—J. A. Greene, corporation counsel.

Response—Wm. A. Wilson, grand lodge.

Music—Contributed.

Recital—Mrs. C. A. Cougell.

Address—R. L. Holloway, assistant supreme secretary.

Music—Orchestra.

Gleaner Yells—By All Arbers. (Arbers having yells should be seated in a group for giving yells.)

Fancy Drill—Ladies of Middleton Arbor.

Music—Orchestra.

Military Drill—Seventeen Men of Safe Arbor.

Music—Orchestra.

Ladies' Fancy Drill—Seventeen Ladies of Harmony Arbor.

Character and Comic Drill—Sixteen Members of Hope Arbor.

Recitation—Mrs. Reta Carr.

Girls' Fancy Drill—Merrill Arbor.

Men's and Ladies' Drill—Nelson Arbor.

Music—Orchestra.

Drill and Degree Instructress—Mrs. Anna Wilson.

Federation Organizer—W. A. Wilson.

Come at Seven Sharp

7:00 Sharp—Taking up Pass Words. (The semi-annual pass will be taken up. Members present not having the pass must get the Chief Gleaner or the Secretary-Treasurer to vouch for them.)

Song, "The Gleaner Flag"—By All.

Recitation—Contributed.

Opening, Introduction, Obligation and Closing—Bannister Arbor.

Dramatic Contest between Harmony and Middleton Arbers.

Music—Singing.

Ruth Degree—Safe Arbor.

Song, "Better Time Coming"—By All. (Yells will be given by several arbers.)

Vocal Solo—Contributed.

Closing Song, "God Be With You"—By All.

ONE TO FIVE YEARS

William Secord, who was bound over to circuit court some time ago on a charge of burglary, was convicted when he appeared before Judge Kelly S. Searl the fore part of the week. The judge gave the eighteen-year-old lad from one to five years in the Ionia Reformatory. When on the stand in court, Secord is said to have admitted that six of the last eight fourth of July had been spent in jail by him.

BASKET BALL TITLE GAME COMING FRIDAY

Kalamazoo College and Alma, Leading in M. I. A. A. Race, Will Fight for Honors.

The basket ball season for the Alma college team at home will close on Friday night of this week, when the Maroon and Cream Stacks up against the undefeated Kalamazoo college quintet on the high school floor. An added attraction is also billed for that night, this being a clash between Owosso and Alma high schools.

The Kalamazoo team seems to have the Michigan intercollegiate championship sewed up tight, having won every game that it played this year, including five M. I. A. A. battles. The Katoos have what is probably the strongest basket ball team in the state this year, and without question the strongest basket ball team that the M. I. A. A. ever saw. They will come to Alma tomorrow confident of winning from the Maroon and Cream and clinching the championship.

Coch Harry Helmer has been giving his men some strenuous workouts this week in preparation for the big game of the season and is hoping that his men can give the champions a battle. The team is in good shape, with the possible exception of Smith, who lost his basket shooting eye last week. It is expected that he will return to form on the local floor this week, and thus give Helmer three good basket shooters.

Alma's guarding to win must be of the highest order, as the champions have the two best basket shooters in the state.

Kalamazoo has thrown out a challenge to any team in the state, to play for the state title, which will make a victory for Alma that much sweeter if it can be secured.

The preliminary attraction, Owosso vs. Alma, should also be a good game. It is thought that the two teams are on about a par, so that the local high school lads will have their hands full to wrench out a victory. Owing to the Lyceum course coming the same night the games will be called at 7:00 p. m.

WANT ALMA MEN

Charlotte Leader Suggests that Some Could be Used There.

The following clipping appeared in the Charlotte Leader of February 18th, and will be of interest to Alma people:

"Alma is reaching for 10,000 population before the year is over. The last census gave 2,757. After six years it reached 7,000. Boosters better get an Alma man here, and excuse some of the experts."

If our sister city is in the condition, which the clipping might seem to indicate, we might loan her a few families, provided that she were located as handy to Alma as is St. Louis, which Alma is aiding, in the same way that Charlotte wants aiding.

If, however, Charlotte wants a few boosters of the type that have made Alma go, we have none to spare. We want more of them, seemingly we are getting some of them, who are out to make Alma grow, and then grow some more.

BUYS GROCERY

C. Powell, formerly of the firm of McElish & Powell of Mesick, has purchased the A. H. Anderson grocery at 121 West Superior street, and took possession of the place the latter part of last week. Mr. Powell sold his interest in the Mesick firm a month ago and since that time has been casting about for a good location. He decided that Alma offered a good opportunity, and hence bought out this grocery. He expects to keep a full and complete line of groceries on hand at all times.

Mary Pickford—Idlehour Friday.

ALMA WILL HAVE A LARGE BAKERY

Two Story Brick Structure will be Constructed for a Wholesale Bakery.

TO LOCATE ON EAST SIDE

New Concern to be Incorporated and Work Started as Soon as Possible.

The Superior Baking company, a wholesale bakery, will locate in the city of Alma, the plans, which have been under way for some time, being now completed, so that the assurance can be given that this industry will build in Alma.

A site for a building has been purchased, and the plant, it is said, will be located east of the Segler bungalow, on East Superior street. A two-story brick building will be erected for the bakery, and the work on the structure will be started as soon as the weather conditions permit. The production of the plant will start as soon thereafter as the building can be gotten into readiness.

The men back of the new Alma enterprise are A. G. Moore of Saginaw, L. J. Bailey and Vern S. Aldrich of Birmingham, a suburb of Detroit. Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Bailey are at the present time at the head of the Sanitary Baking company of Birmingham. All three of the men have had a long experience in this line.

Orders are now being placed for equipment, which will consist of patent brick ovens. Modern, sanitary, electrical power machines will be installed for every process throughout from mixing to wrapping. It is expected that the bakery will have a capacity of 5,000 loaves of bread a day.

In addition to supplying the local demand for baked goods, the company will ship out goods in all directions, using both the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads for this purpose, as well as to supply the nearby towns with an automobile delivery.

A number of men will be employed right from the start, and every effort will be made to develop the business to its fullest extent.

D. L. Johnson has been retained as attorney for the new firm, and will immediately start work towards getting the concern incorporated. Mr. Johnson has devoted considerable of his time lately in such work.

FOR POOR CHILDREN

Bequeathed \$1,000. Interest to be Used for Poor Children.

Saturday, February 17th, the W. R. C. of Elm Hall, received the interest money from an investment of \$1,000, which is to be used by the W. R. C. in furnishing clothing for the needy poor children of Elm Hall and vicinity. The late Thomas J. Blair and his heirs are responsible for the gift.

Following is a request made by Mr. Blair just a short time before his death:

"Rochester, Minn., Oct. 15, 1913.

"My Dear Wife and Children:

"There is one other thing that I have had on my mind for a number of years and am going to leave it to you whether it is done or not. I had thought and would like to have \$1,000 at some time within one or two years placed at a good fair rate of interest, and the interest only to be used for the benefit of the poor children within a few miles of the Elm Hall. Let the women of the W. R. C. have the use of the interest as they require to purchase cotton flannel, shoes, sheeting, prints and meet, and make them up for the benefit of such children; and, if the W. R. C. should disband, put in the banks of the M. E. Aid society, who will likewise do the same. My wife should be a member of this committee while she lives."

The widow, Mrs. Jennie Blair, and the children, Mrs. Effie E. Hoxie, Mrs. Carrie B. Tuttle, Dana Blair Donegan, W. M. Blair, Otto M. Blair, conceded to the above request and \$1,000 has been invested in a mortgage, the interest of which will be \$60. Mrs. Jennie Blair will act as treasurer of the fund during her lifetime.